Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Is it suspected that any of the officials were in league with this smuggling ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Therefore, investigation is being conducted. Action is being taken against the concerned official also.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—How long has the investigation been going on ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—About six months.

Murder Case in Chiknaikanahalli Taluk

Q.—146. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY (Chicknaikanahally).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of murder cases reported and prosecuted in Chiknaikanahally taluk during 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 ;

(*b*) the number of cases convicted in each of these years ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*)	*Years*	*Reported*	*Prosecution launched*
	1953-54	2	2
	1954-55	4	2
	1955-56	4	4
	1956-57	3	3

(*b*)	*Years*	*Convicted*
	1953-54	...
	1954-55	...
	1955-56	1
	1956-57	...

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Has it come to the notice of Government that in the judgements in these cases the in efficiency of the police is also exhibited ?

*Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I want notice of that question. I have not perused the relevant judgments in these cases.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—In view of the failure in so many cases, does Government not think that there is something fishy in these cases ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—It is a matter of opinion. Even if the officials were slack, it is for the courts to exercise their discretion properly.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Will Government give the reasons for the acquittals ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may read the judgments.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Is Government aware that the number of murder cases is increasing and, if so, what preventive action does Government propose to take ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Every possible action is being taken to prevent the recurrence of such cases.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Will Government post better and more efficient officers there ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That is being done.

Sri T. TAREGOWDA.—Are these acquittals due to the fact that the police collude with the defence witnesses ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA—It is not so.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question time is over.

Motion for Election of Members to Senate of Mysore University.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I move :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect six members to the Senate of the Mysore University in accordance with section 15 of the Mysore University Act, 1956".

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That this Assembly do proceed to elect six members to the Senate of the Mysore University in accordance with section 15 of the Mysore University Act, 1956."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The programme will follow.